DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE HOUSING PROGRAMS

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California Housing Snapshot

- **Population - 39 million**

- **12.5% of the nation's total population**

- **25% of the nation's homeless population**

- **Fair Market Rent in California is $1,608 for 2 bedroom**

- **4 of the highest rent cities in the nation are in California**

Data Source: PPIC 2017, AHAR 2017, and NILC 2017
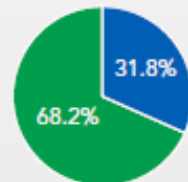
Homelessness in California

- On a single night in January 2017, California accounted for 25% of all people experiencing homelessness and nearly half (49%) of all unsheltered individuals in the country.

- Overall, the number of people experiencing homelessness in the nation declined in 30 states between 2016 and 2017

- But CA experienced at 13.7% increase - the largest increase in the country

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+13.7%
change from 2016

+8.7%
change from 2010

Total Homeless, 2017
134,278

34 in every 10,000 people were experiencing homelessness

31.8%

68.2%

n Unsheltered (91,642)
n Sheltered (42,636)

Estimates of Homelessness

112,756 individuals

21,522 people in families with children

15,458 unaccompanied homeless youth

11,472 veterans

35,798 chronically homeless individuals

2016–2017		
Largest Increases		
CALIFORNIA	16,136 /	13.7%
NEW YORK	3,151 /	3.6%
OREGON	715 /	5.4%
NEVADA	435 /	5.9%
TEXAS	426 /	1.8%

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Homelessness in California

Family Homelessness

- On a single night in January 2017, CA had 21,522 individuals in families with children experiencing homelessness.

- That was the second largest increase in family homelessness in the county.

Youth Homelessness

- CA reported the largest number of unaccompanied homeless youth, representing 38% of the national total.

- 12,749 youth in CA are unsheltered, representing 58% of the national total.

2016–2017

Largest Increases		
NEW YORK	1,076 /	2.1%
CALIFORNIA	1,040 /	5.1%
OKLAHOMA	265 /	23.9%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	141 /	26.2%
MINNESOTA	97 /	2.6%

Highest Rates			
NEVADA	**CALIFORNIA**	**HAWAII**	**WASHINGTON**
89.2%	82.5%	82.4%	65.7%
2,166 Homeless 1,931 Unsheltered	15,458 Homeless 12,749 Unsheltered	319 Homeless 263 Unsheltered	2,135 Homeless 1,402 Unsheltered

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Racial Disparities Among California's Homelessness Population

Race	CA General Population	CA Homeless Population
White	72.7%	52%
Black/African American	**6.5%**	**32%**
Asian	14.8%	2%
Native American	**1.7%**	**4%**
Pacific Islander	.5%	1%
Two or more races	3.8%	8%

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CA Social Services Housing Programs

Oversee multiple programs that serve people experiencing homelessness:

- CalWORKs Housing Support Program

- CalWORKs Homeless Assistance

- Bringing Families Home Program (Child Welfare)

- Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (SSI-eligible)

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CalWORKs Housing Support Program

- Rapid rehousing program established by SB 855 in 2015
- 2014-15: $20M, 20 counties
- 2015-16: $35M, 44 counties
- 2016-17: $47M, 48 counties
- 2017-2018: $47 million, 49 counties
- 2018-2019: Proposed $71 million

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HSP Program Overview

- **Goals:** End homelessness for families in the CalWORKs program; eliminate barriers to family self sufficiency related to housing stability; and improve child well being

- **Core Program Requirements:**
  1. Utilize evidenced based models, including Rapid Rehousing
  2. Incorporate the core components of Housing First

- **Participant Eligibility:** Family must include a CalWORKs recipient and be homeless

- **Other Essential Elements:** Collaboration with local Homeless Continuum of Care; Data collection, progress monitoring and outcome recording

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HSP can provide...

- Temporary shelter costs
- Storage and moving costs
- Utility and/or security deposits
- Rental subsidies
- Essential furniture in order to make the home habitable

- Intensive case management services
- Landlord recruitment and engagement
- Credit repair, legal services
- Other items necessary to obtain/retain housing

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Statewide HSP Data

- **Almost 11,000 families have been housed in permanent housing since late 2014**

- **Recent data shows:**
    - 57% of families are housed within 45 days of being referred to the program
    - 60% of families exit the program after receiving 6 months or less of rental subsidies
    - Approx. 4,500 families/month are currently being served
    - Approx. 2,000 of those families are being served in permanent housing and receiving rental subsidies

- **Program does not currently have ability to track returns to homelessness or CalWORKs outcomes for HSP clients at the statewide level.**

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CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) Program

- **Temporary homeless assistance** (in the form of motel vouchers) for up to 16 consecutive days.

- **Permanent homeless assistance** to aid households in securing/retaining a permanent residence by providing either:
  1. Security deposit and last month's rent, or
  2. Two months of arrearages for those facing eviction

- As of January 1, 2017, HA is available once every 12 months

Application Approvals and Shelter Expenditures FY 2016-17

Type of Homeless Assistance	Number of Families Approved	FY 16-17 Net Shelter Expenditures
Temporary	46,073	$36,810,778
Permanent	4,445	$6,512,650
TOTAL	50,518	$43,323,428

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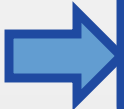
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Bringing Families Home

- **Created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 in 2016**
- **$10 million in state funds over 3 years**
- **Requires a dollar-for-dollar county match**
- **Allocations were distributed to counties through a competitive application process**
- **Allocations were released in May 2017 to 12 counties:**
  - Kings, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo

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Bringing Families Home Overview

- **Assists homeless families in the child welfare system to better support family reunification and family maintenance**

- **Program provides housing supports (either rental subsidies or housing voucher) along with intense case management**

- **Goals are to:**
    - Reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness
    - Increase family reunification
    - Prevent foster care placement

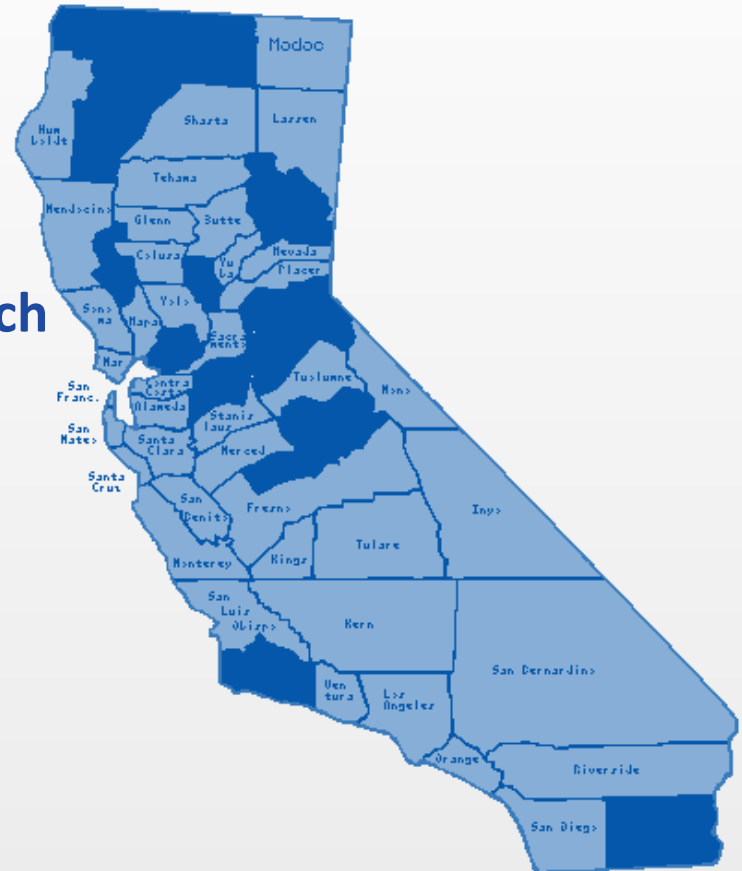- **Expected to house approx. 1000 families statewide**

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Housing & Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)

- **Created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 in 2016**

- **$45 million in state general funds**

- **Requires dollar-for-dollar county match**

- **Funds available over three years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020)**

- **39 counties awarded**

- **Implementation has just started (allocations released in April)**

Housing & Disability Advocacy Program Overview

HDAP WILL…

- Provide stable housing while assisting individuals in applying for disability income benefits

- Prioritize those who are experiencing chronic homelessness or who rely most heavily on state/county funded programs

- Operated in a manner consistent with the core components of Housing First

- Work in conjunction with the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and Coordinated Entry (CE) process.

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HDAP Participant Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY

- Homeless and likely eligible for disability benefits.

TARGET POPULATIONS

- General Assistance/General Relief applicants/recipients with disabilities;

- CalWORKs recipients with disabilities;

- low-income veterans with disabilities; and

- low-income individuals with disabilities who are being discharged or can be diverted from any of the following, if that individual was experiencing homelessness before entering the institution:

  - jails; prisons; hospitals; long term care facilities; or rehabilitation facilities

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PROMISING PRACTICES & CHALLENGES

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Challenges

1. Culture change required to align social services requirements with core components of Housing First
2. Managing high demand for housing
3. Data collection/data-sharing challenges make measuring significant outcomes and success difficult

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Promising Practices

1. **Partner with established housing providers**
2. **Integrate CDSS-funded programs into the greater homeless system**
3. **Leverage and braid funding**
4. **Allow flexibility in program design to ensure the program meets the community's needs**
5. **Use data to evaluate performance and success**

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Questions?

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